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## Rowan County Office of Circuit Court Clerk to offer extended Friday hours starting Jan. 6 Extended hours will move from Saturday to Friday

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 5, 2005 — Citizens will be able to take advantage of extended Friday hours at the Rowan County Office of Circuit Court Clerk beginning Jan. 6, 2005. The office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

Rowan County Circuit Court Clerk Jim Barker said that he hopes the longer Friday hours will accommodate individuals who are unable to conduct court business during regular business hours. He noted that the new Friday hours mean the office will discontinue its Saturday hours after its last day of service on Saturday, Dec. 17. Barker said the change was motivated by a steady decrease in customer traffic on Saturdays, as well as the cost to bring in employees and court security for an extra day.

"For years the circuit clerk's office has been the only office open in the Rowan County Courthouse on Saturday," said Barker. "By moving extended hours from Saturday to Friday, we hope to still provide an important service to our customers while operating in a more efficient way."

For more information, contact the Rowan County Office of Circuit Court Clerk at 606-784-4574.

Circuit court clerks have offices in all 120 Kentucky counties and are responsible for managing the records of circuit and district courts. The Administrative Office of the Courts supports the activities of more than 3,400 Kentucky Court of Justice employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks.